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RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMISSIONER, IT IS THE PREROGATIVE OF THE GOVERNOR TO REJECT THIS INDIVIDUAL AND HIS DECISION IS NOT SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY THE CASINO MANAGEMENT.

AS A RESULT OF INFORMATION DISSEMINATED IN PAST, BAHAMAS

AUTHORITIES HAVE SHOWN GOOD FAITH IN DENYING APPLICATIONS FOR

CASINO LICENSE SUBMITTED BY HOODLUM ASSOCIATE, MICHAEL J.

MC LANEY, AND MIAMI BEACH HOTELMEN, BEN MOVACK, AND MORRIS

LANSBURGH, WHO REPORTEDLY ATTEMPTED TO FRONT FOR MEYER USA

LANSKY ORGANIZATION. UNDER PREVIOUS BAHAMAS ADMINISTRATION,

SIR STAFFORD SANDS, CABINET MEMBER, PREVAILED UPON PREMIER

SYMONETTE AND THE GOVERNOR TO RETAIN CASINO MANAGERS, MAX

COURTNEY AND FRANK REED, IDENTIFIED IN MEYER LANSKY ORGANIZATION.

SANDS IS NO LONGER IN GOVERNMENT. NEW ADMINISTRATION

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